(4) With regard to these major systems, their significant characteristics in terms of effectiveness, integration with allies, command and control, survivability, and life-cycle cost.
(5) The implications (in terms of roles and missions) of the selection of, or failure to select, each of these major systems as part of an appropriate force structure.
(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the studies conducted under this section.
The report shall include—
(1) the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Secretary in the study conducted by the Secretary under subsection (a) with respect to each of the matters set forth in subsection (e);
(6) copies of the reports to the Secretary under subsections (b) and (c), including the findings, conclusions, and recommendations contained in those reports; and
(7) such comments on those reports as the Secretary considers appropriate.
(g) TIME FOR SUBMISSION.—The report required under subsection
(f) shall be submitted not later than March 1, 1990.
(h) CLOSE AIR SUPPORT DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term "close air support", as defined in Joint Chiefs of Staff Publication 1, dated June 1, 1987, means air action against hostile targets which are in close proximity to friendly forces and which require detailed integration of each air mission with the fire and movement of those forces.

SEC. 1103. STRATEGIC AIR DEFENSE ALERT MISSION

(8) READINESS OF AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNITS.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that those units of the Air National Guard that are assigned to carry out the strategic air defense mission in the northern portion of the United States retain the capability to generate and maintain a readiness posture that meets the needs of all operations plans of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).
(9) FISCAL YEAR 1990 LIMITATION.—During fiscal year 1990, the Secretary of Defense may not reduce the man years or flying hours of the units described in subsection (a).
(10) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 1990, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the strategic air defense alert mission. The report shall describe the following:
(11) The rationale and goals for the strategic air defense modernization program undertaken jointly by the United States and Canada.
(12) The operational requirements of NORAD in crisis and wartime for generating and forward deploying air defense forces of the Air National Guard based in the northern portion of the United States.

(13) The plans of the Air Force for maintaining the readiness of aircraft, flight crews, maintenance personnel, control tower personnel, and security forces of the air defense units described in subsection (a) to implement NORAD operations plans.

(14) The plans of the Air Force for transitioning from current interceptor aircraft and current peacetime unit alert mission and training practices to new aircraft and new unit alert mis-